

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicants appreciate the consideration given to Patrick G. Burns in a personal interview on June 5, 2003. Claims 1 and 7 were discussed in relation to the Wang reference, but no agreement was reached. However, claims 1 and 7 have now been amended along the lines discussed at the interview.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of Wang and Beck. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because neither reference discloses or suggests message processing using key information in the title or body of a message, as in the present invention.

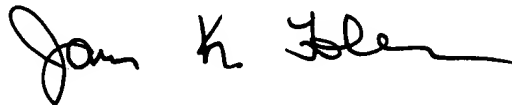
The examiner recognizes that Beck does not disclose this feature. Wang merely discloses establishing priority as part of an e-mail address. See col. 9, lines 45-55. It does not disclose or suggest placing key information in the title or body of the message, as in the present invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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